

Minutes
Liberty County Board of Commissioners
May 20, 2021
Midmonth meeting

1. The meeting was called order by Chairman Lovette with all commissioners in attendance.
2. Prayer was offered by Commissioner Stevens followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Awards were presented:
 - A. Dr. Karen Bell appeared before the board to recognize Mr. Willie Cato as the national recipient of the Lady Bird Johnson Award. The board commended Mr. Cato on his accomplishment.
 - B. The board recognized Michelle Caraballo for her recent completion of the University of Georgia's supervisor's course.
4. Departmental reports were presented:
 - A. The finance report was presented by Ms. Kim McGlothlin followed by questions from the board. The board considered budget amendment 01 – 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, with Commissioners Stevens, Frasier, Thrift, Jones, Walden, and Chairman Lovette voting in favor, Commissioner Gilliard opposed.
 - B. The monthly engineering report was presented by Mr. Trent Long. Mr. Long brought forth a request by Mr. Josh Wheeler for permission to connect to the Liberty County water system for a planned subdivision approximately of 155 lots on 196 East. Following discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to approve the request subject to cost for connection being born by the developer, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously. The board considered bids received for certain improvements to various recreation parks for handicap accessibility. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to approve the bid to Swindell Construction at a total cost of \$389,091.50 plus a 10% contingency, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously. The board also considered reallocation of funds for road improvements from SPLOST 6 road improvements in District 6 to recreation in order to provide funds needed for the ADA improvements. Motion was made by Commissioner Walden to transfer said funds, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
5. The board considered new businesses:
 - A. The board considered renewal of a contract with Woodrow Sapp for billing and maintenance on the Liberty County water system. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to approve the contract renewal, seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.
 - B. The board considered renewal of a contract with the Coast Regional Commission associated with the performance of certain GIS work related to 911 functions. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, and approved unanimously.
 - C. The board considered acknowledgment of Mr. Alex Shirah to fill a seat on the board of elections representing the Republican Party. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to duly recognize the appointment as made by Republican Party, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.
6. The board considered an amendment to the agenda to add various board appointments. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to approve the amendment, seconded by Commissioner Thrift, and approved unanimously.
7. The board considered appointments to various boards:

A. CRC aging services advisory Council. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to reappoint Rev. Henry Frasier Sr., seconded by Commissioner Walden, and approved unanimously.

B. Coastal workforce investment board. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to reappoint David Floyd, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

C. Cultural and historical resource committee. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to reappoint Jeffrey Porter, Jason Baker, Phil Odum, Luceria Lovette, Renée Reese, and Natalie Hines, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved unanimously.

D. Department of Family and Children services board. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to appoint Dee Frasier, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard and approved unanimously.

E. Liberty Regional Medical Center Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Thrift to submit the names of Kim Ryon and Dana Ingram, seconded by Commissioner Walden and approved unanimously.

F. Public Facilities Authority. A motion was made by Commissioner Frasier to reappoint Renée Camper and James Rogers, seconded by Commissioner Thrift and approved unanimously.

G. Recreation board. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to reappoint Chuck Smith, seconded by Commissioner Stevens and approved unanimously.

H. CRC board – public position. A motion was made by Commissioner Gilliard to recommend Richard Hayes and Henry Frasier Sr., seconded by Commissioner Walden and approved unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Commissioner Walden to adjourn the midmonth meeting, seconded by Commissioner Gilliard, and approved unanimously.

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SIGNED:

Donald L. Lovette, Chairman

Justin Frasier, Vice-Chairman

Marion Stevens, Sr., Commissioner

Connie Thrift, Commissioner

Maxie R. Jones, IV, Commissioner

Gary Gilliard, Commissioner

Eddie J. Walden, Commissioner

Attest:

Joseph W. Brown, County Administrator